Water and Science Administration

Wetlands and Waterways Program

GUIDANCE FOR EMERGENCY ACTIONS

**To facilitate emergency actions/repairs which impact State-regulated water resources, the Maryland Department of the Environment (“MDE” or “the Department”) highlights the following established procedures for conducting emergency repairs under COMAR 26.17.04.06 (D) Construction on Nontidal Waters and Floodplains, 26.23.02.08 Nontidal Wetlands, COMAR 26.24 Tidal Wetlands, and COMAR 23.02.04.05C State Tidal Wetland Licensing Procedures.**

**An emergency condition exists when: (1) the emergency repairs will prevent a threat to life, severe loss or damage to property, or an imminent threat to public safety or the environment; and (2) the anticipated threat, loss, or damage may occur before a permit can be issued by MDE. While the Department strongly encourages you to contact MDE before beginning any emergency work, you may initiate emergency repairs immediately. Additionally, you must:**

* **Notify MDE no later than the next business day after beginning an emergency regulated activity;**
* **Limit repairs to only what is necessary to abate the emergency situation;**
* **Employ standard best management practices during the emergency work (if practicable), such as stream diversion and dewatering; and**
* **Submit an application after-the-fact for review and approval.**

**The Department’s principal contacts are provided in the following tables. Recognizing that the majority of emergency repair work is related to roads, bridges, culverts, and tidal shorelines contact information and County assignments are provided for the engineers assigned to the Waterway Construction Division and the Tidal Wetlands Division.**

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| WATERWAY CONSTRUCTION DIVISION CONTACTS BY COUNTY | | | |
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| **Anne Arundel County**  **Calvert County &**  **Charles County** | **Hanifah Parker-Morrison** | **410-537-3939** | **hanifah.parker-morrison@maryland.gov** |
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| TIDAL WETLAND DIVISION CONTACTS BY COUNTY | | | |
| COUNTY | PROJECT REVIEWER | TELEPHONE | EMAIL ADDRESS |
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